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Dave:

The report on the March meeting indicates that the CAG desires "an independent technical expert to help on specific topics." That is a direct affront on Dr. Anne Kruger and Eric Stern, who are the most knowledgeable people in the world on technologies regarded to sediment handling and destruction.

Please note that I as a member of the CAG strongly object to this request when Dr. Anne Kruger and Eric Stern have so much technical knowledge on the sediment treatment processes. Following up on this request will waste money and take more time --- all unnecessary. Both individuals were involved in the development of the technologies from day 1. In addition both are eminently familiar with the problems of the Passaic River.

I am confident that Walter Mugdan and Ray Basso can assess the technologies along with the consultants that have ben working with EPA without bringing in someone who has no background in these matters. Dr. Kruger's report which was submitted to EPA in December, 2011 provides a complete analysis, which has never been vetted or acknowledged. Isn't that what the TAG grant was for?

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